



Report of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

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OEWG Activities since COP4

- ❖ Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) met virtually four times – September 24, 2019 (post-IGM/COP); March 26, 2020 , January 12, 2021, July 12, 2021
- ❖ Input to Secretariat on new Terms of Reference for the OEWG
- ❖ Feedback to Secretariat on SOCAR finalization, publication and dissemination, including linkages to CLME+, State of the Marine Environment Report, INVEMAR Caribbean Marine Atlas, UN Decade of Ocean Science
- ❖ Technical input to the Regional Nutrient Pollution Reduction Strategy
- ❖ Participation in technical webinars of interest to the LBS Protocol e.g. Barcelona Convention Working Groups on municipal waste & sewage sludge and amending annexes to the Mediterranean Convention LBS Protocol
- ❖ Input on country reporting template for training needs on monitoring and assessment
- ❖ Early input to AMEP workplan and budget from monitoring and assessment perspective
- ❖ Recommendation for sub-groups

Potential Recommendations

- ❖ Endorsement of the Regional Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- ❖ Provide input on subsequent implementation of the RNRS
- ❖ Form three sub-groups:
 - ❖ Standards and criteria (standards and methodologies, nutrients, wastewater, defining Class I & II waters)
 - ❖ Information management
 - ❖ Future planning (emerging issues in region)
- ❖ Provide technical advice and guidance to the Secretariat on ways to enhance laboratory capacity to assist in long term monitoring and assessment of SOCAR parameters
- ❖ Identify how to increase LBS/SPAW interactions e.g. sargassum, impact of plastics on marine mammals



Thank You!



Merci!



Gracias!